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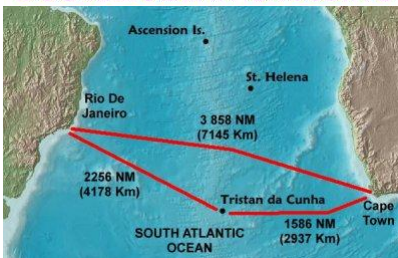
Cover: A combination of photo's, a 'lucky shot', a photographers dream pic captured - from the 2004 Senior Scout Cederberg Adventure.



The 21st **Senior Scout Adventure 2014** will be taking place from **12 to 23 December** in the Cederberg Mountains at a cost of R3 300 each. Online applications started on 1 April for hike fit Scouts 15 to 18 years old. Volunteer staff are needed for bases and support functions. Do not miss this opportunity of a lifetime, 500 Scouts doing amazing 'stuff' for 10 days. Adult Patrols may also enter. **More info** can be found on the [Adventure Website](#) as well as watch the [Adventure Facebook Page](#) for regular updates (please also 'like' the page). *Nigel Forshaw - Joint Adventure Organiser.*



The **Cape to Rio and back** continues from the last [SCaR 38](#), with the crew of JML Rotary Scout yacht now safely back in Cape Town...



As each crew member stepped off the yacht, they were embraced by family members and congratulated on the outstanding achievement bravery. For Peter Bosch, Virgil v/d Horst, Lorraine Le Seur, Ashwyn Davis and Cathleen Hughes it had been 73 days since they left Cape Town and approx. 14 260 km of sailing. All the crew members knew that even though they had been through horrendous weather, amazing weather, wild emotions and incredible experiences, it was this moment on the dock with everyone that made it all worthwhile.



"It was a **Double Ocean Crossing**" Cathleen stated as the Crew gave an inspiring presentation at the Sea Scout Base in Sandvlei during the 2014 Kontiki weekend, on Saturday 22 March. The voyage lasted from 4 January to 16 March of which 5 crew members did the entire trip. It was a voyage of no wind at times, resulting in the team decision at the race end and motoring a lot on the way back – 28 days to get to Rio and 36 days to get back. There were many questions following the presentation with interesting answers, including a session where each crew member stated their personal highlight of the trip. Peter ended the evening by stating that he would at anytime and right now sail right around the world with the 2014 Rio Crew, who each truly proved themselves and worked together like a well oiled machine. Read the 97 page incredible JML Rotary Scout [South Atlantic Ocean Cape to Rio and back Diary](#) as recorded by the crew.

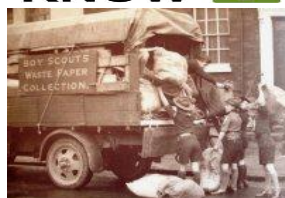


Congratulations to 1st Northpine for collecting and giving in 10 000 bread tags. Do you have a new challenge to put to Scouts in Western Cape - please do let us know. *Paddy*

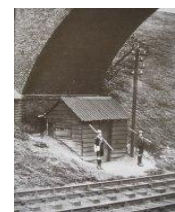
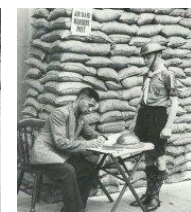
Purple Cub Fun Day Sat 1 March at 1st Bothasig grounds, proved tremendous fun with bases run by Packs for all. The most purple of the day was Mitchell's Plain District with virtually everything they brought being purple. The prize for the most blankets brought for charity went to 2nd Somerset West. There were also 'funky' prizes for 'funky' questions answered. *Audrey Hopkins.*



DID YOU KNOW ?



100 Years ago in June 1914, the world declared **War on Germany**. An enormous number of Scouts served in the armed and police forces, coast guard and fire service since 1908, and were highly valued by their regiments and squadrons for their prior knowledge and training. [As Scouts, many served](#) in ambulance units, air raid Patrols, messengers and many other jobs during the war. Thousands of Scouts also lost their young lives in serving and helping others.



<http://www.scouting.org.za/capewest/heritage/scar>

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The **2014 Argus Cycle Tour** was held Sun 9 March, and Liz (Elizabeth Britz) reports 5 branded purple t-shirts flew past her at speed, one was Paddy Milner and another Quinton Combrink. Above is Liz and Nicholas Britz of 1st Strand with Chandre v/d Wenter (recruit) marshalling and assisting mountain rescue guys at the Scarborough point. It was a great day and one is inspired by the human spirit to overcome obstacles no matter how tough it gets, especially cycling against the gusting Cape South Easter at times. *Liz*



In recognition of the impact that Scouting has had on the world, the Council of Ministers of the African Union, recognises 13 March as **Africa Scout Day**. This day (or the closest weekend) is an opportunity for Scouts to showcase achievements at all levels, the theme this year 'Scouting: Developing youth and positively transforming society'. 1st Strandfontein used this Thurs evening to do a beach cleanup at Strandfontein Pavillion. 16 Adults and 19 Cubs\Scouts participated and collected 8 bags of dirt amongst them. A great sense of unity and camaraderie was felt and an awesome and exciting evening for the group. *Chantal Steer*



The **MAC24** hour is the only sailing challenge of its kind in SA testing sailing skills. It was held Sat 15 – Sun 16 March



at [Milnerton Aquatic Club](#). "Whether young, old, inexperienced or an 'old salt', sailing is a healthy, fun and exciting sport, where you are at the mercy of the elements. It doesn't hurt when you capsize – as you just get wet, but once 'in the drink' you'll have found a sport to keep you fit and sailing for the rest of your life." The 16th 24-hour annual Challenge with 26 entries, was about fun and camaraderie, with non stop 24 hour sailing day and night, the closest thing to being crazy! Scouting was represented with 6 Saldanha teams from Bergvliet, Blaauwberg, Plumstead and Milnerton. The winning MAC24 'Saldana' crew was 1st Bergvliet, a first time for them. It is believed that in all the fun they also actually managed to capsize their boat ☺



Kontiki competition is based on the exploits of Thor Heyerdahl, the Norwegian anthropologist who sailed a raft of balsa from South America to the Polynesian Islands in 1947, to prove it was possible and that the Polynesians were descended from ancient inhabitants of South America. Kon-Tiki was an old name for the Sun God and [Heyerdahl named the raft after Kon-Tiki](#). This years overall Fringe winners were 1st - 1st Bergvliet, 2nd - 1st Fish Hoek and 3rd - 2nd Bergvliet, the overall winners of 27 teams were 1st - 1st Bergvliet, 2nd - 2nd Bergvliet and 3rd - 1st Camps Bay (above after badge). Nigel (below in yellow) was also there promoting the Senior Scout Adventure. Once again an amazing Scouting event for all.





The 23rd **P**atrol **L**eaders **T**raining **U**nit Course (PLTU) was held Sat 29 March – Sun 6 April at Hawequas. This is one of the most sought after annual courses in the Western Cape, with a max of 40 participants per course. Patrol Leaders not only come away from the course highly charged, motivated and filled with ideas, but with never to be forgotten life changing experiences, that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. This years course leader was Matthew Broadley. [See more on our website](#)



As part of our **Hawequas 2025 vision** to interlink with overseas centres, two Scouts from SA flew over to the UK in May for a 4 month or so Scout work holiday at the [South London Scout Centre](#). The Centre is still the cheapest stay and only 15 min from London. The two Scouts doing this adventure are Antonio Matthews (left) from 1st Milnerton Sea Scouts and Matthew Seager (right) from 2nd Kenridge Air Scouts. We wish them well on this adventure. 'Similar' opportunities are offered here: [CCUSA](#)



Our new **Chief Scout** of SA, Mr **Sibusiso Vilane**.



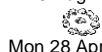
和 WA: a Spirit of Unity Wed 23 April saw a huge attendance at the **23rd World Scout Jamboree 2015** awesome inspiring Info Presentation by Theo Rijs at 1st Pinelands. [Refer back to SCaR's 28, 29 and 30](#) for some of the Jamboree info and highlights. We are hoping to send 2 full Troops (or 3?) to this Jamboree, so get your **entries and deposit** in by **close 31 May**.

Scout and Adult [Entry Forms](#). Please complete on line (or BLOCK black capitals neatly), print, sign and return to Jamboree email (only email to use) jamboree@scouting.org.za

The cost at present is R35 000 (or slightly less, but work on this figure). Pocket money is to be kept to the minimum as most is supplied on the Jamboree. There will be a shakedown camp prior to the event, a tour of Japan (or another Asian Country) and HO-HO (Home Hospitality). Check out info, movies, news and more on the coming Jamboree at www.23wsj.jp – **get inspired and BE THERE!**



Garnet de la Hunt
25 Aug 1933



Mon 28 Apr 2014

Garnet was a true Scout in every sense of the word and lived the ethos of Scouting. A visionary leader of the Western Cape who worked tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of Scouts throughout the world. He was passionate about life and Scouting, and resolute in his convictions that Scouting was a solution to many of the woes that plague society. Garnet inspired a generation of Scouts to become all that they could and was a strong role model to so many both

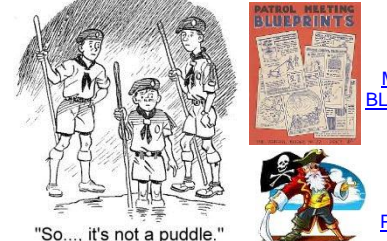
inside and outside the Movement. He remained true to the ideals and vision of Lord Baden Powell in all his many Scouting roles living as he did in the belief that he would *"never be able to repay my personal debt to this magnificent Movement."* His was a life of service to the Movement and the youth, even to the end when he gave of his time despite his suffering, which he endured with a smile and a quick word of encouragement to others. If the test of a man is, as our founder put it, to *"Try and leave this world a little better than you found it and when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time, but have done your best."*, then Garnet will rest happy and easy in the knowledge that he did so. Although those who knew him well would see him shaking his head at that statement and saying, young man, there is so much more still to do. [We have lost a brother, mentor and friend](#). Yours humbly in Scouting. Dr Brendon Hausberger-Chief Commissioner- Scouts SA.



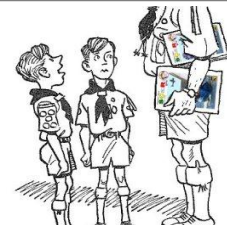
"Only two at tonight's Troop Meeting... right lads, form a circle!"



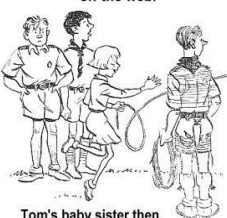
"Our Patrol outings are definitely the best."



"So..., it's not a puzzle."



"I already have a copy, I got mine off the web."



Tom's baby sister then showed them how it was done...



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